IN THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Original) A nonwoven fabric made from a composition comprising:
 - a first component comprising from 5% to 99% by weight based on the total weight of the composition of a polymer selected from the group consisting of homopolymers of propylene and random copolymers of propylene, the polymer having a heat of fusion as determined by DSC of less than 50 J/g and stereoregular propylene crystallinity; and
 - a second component comprising from 95% to 1% by weight based on the total weight of the composition of a propylene polymer or blends of propylene polymers; wherein the nonwoven fabric has a permanent set of from less than 60%.
- 2. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the permanent set is from less than 30%.
- 3. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the permanent set is from less than 15%.
- 4. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 80%.
- 5. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 150%.
- 6. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 300%.
- (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the nonwoven fabric demonstrates anisotropic elongation.
- 8. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the first component has isotactic stereoregular propylene crystallinity.

- (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the first component is a random copolymer of propylene and at least one comonomer selected from ethylene, C₄-C₁₂ α-olefins, and combinations thereof.
- 10. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 9, wherein the comonomer is ethylene.
- 11. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the first component has a narrow compositional distribution, and a melting point as determined by DSC of from 25°C to 110°C.
- 12. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the first component comprises from 2 wt% to 25 wt% polymerized ethylene units, based on the total weight of the polymer.
- 13. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the first component has a heat of fusion as determined by DSC of from 1 J/g to 50 J/g.
- 14. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the first component has a heat of fusion as determined by DSC of from 3 J/g to 15 J/g.
- 15. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the first component has a melting point as determined by DSC of from 35°C to 70°C.
- 16. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the first component has a molecular weight distribution Mw/Mn of from 2.0 to 4.5.
- 17. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the first component has an MFR of from 5 to 5000.
- 18. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the second component comprises a propylene polymer produced using a metallocene catalyst system or a Ziegler-Natta catalyst system.

- 19. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the second component has a Mw/Mn of from 1.5 to 8.0
- 20. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the second component has a melting point of from greater than 110°C.
- 21. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the first component is present in the composition in an amount of from 50 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 50 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the composition.
- 22. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the first component is present in the composition in an amount of from 80 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 20 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the composition.
- 23. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1, wherein the first component is present in the composition in an amount of from 90 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 10 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the composition.
- 24. (Original) A laminate comprising a nonwoven fabric comprising a layer made from a composition comprising:
 - a first component comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting of homopolymers of propylene and random copolymers of propylene, wherein the polymer has a heat of fusion as determined by DSC of less than 50 J/g and stereoregular propylene crystallinity; and
 - a second component comprising a propylene polymer;
 - wherein the laminate has a permanent set of from less than 60%.
- 25. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the permanent set is from less than 30%.

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- 26. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the permanent set is from less than 15%.
- 27. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the laminate has an elongation of from greater than 80%.
- 28. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the laminate has an elongation of from greater than 150%.
- 29. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the laminate has an elongation of from greater than 300%.
- 30. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the laminate demonstrates anisotropic elongation.
- 31. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the first component has isotactic stereoregular propylene crystallinity.
- 32. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the first component is a random copolymer of propylene and at least one comonomer selected from ethylene, C_4 - C_{12} α -olefins, and combinations thereof.
- 33. (Original) The laminate of claim 32, wherein the comonomer is ethylene.
- 34. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the first component has a narrow compositional distribution, and a melting point as determined by DSC of from 25°C to 110°C.
- 35. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the first component comprises from 2 wt% to 25 wt% polymerized ethylene units, based on the total weight of the polymer.
- 36. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the first component has a heat of fusion as determined by DSC of from 1 J/g to 50 J/g.

- 37. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the first component has a heat of fusion as determined by DSC of from 3 J/g to 15 J/g.
- 38. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the first component has a melting point as determined by DSC of from 35°C to 70°C.
- 39. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the first component has a molecular weight distribution Mw/Mn of from 2.0 to 4.5.
- 40. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the first component has an MFR of from 5 to 5000.
- 41. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the second component comprises a propylene polymer produced using a metallocene catalyst system or a Ziegler-Natta catalyst system.
- 42. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the second component has a Mw/Mn of from 1.5 to 8.0
- 43. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the second component has a melting point of from greater than 110°C.
- 44. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the first component is present in the composition in an amount of from 50 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 50 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the composition.
- 45. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the first component is present in the composition in an amount of from 80 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 20 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the composition.

- 46. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the first component is present in the composition in an amount of from 90 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 10 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the composition.
- 47. (Original) The laminate of claim 24, wherein the laminate comprises a layered structure comprising, in various combinations, spunbond layers and meltblown layers.
- 48. (Original) An article or an article component comprising a nonwoven fabric made from a composition comprising:
 a first component comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting of homopolymers of propylene and random copolymers of propylene, wherein the polymer has a heat of fusion as determined by DSC of from 1 J/g to 50 J/g and stereoregular propylene crystallinity; and a second component comprising a propylene polymer; wherein the nonwoven fabric has a permanent set of from less than 60%.
- 49. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the permanent set is from less than 30%.
- 50. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the permanent set is from less than 15%.
- 51. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 80%.
- 52. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 150%.
- 53. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 300%.
- 54. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the nonwoven fabric demonstrates anisotropic elongation.

- 55. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the first component has isotactic stereoregular propylene crystallinity.
- 56. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the first component is a random copolymer of propylene and at least one comonomer selected from ethylene, C₄-C₁₂ α-olefins, and combinations thereof.
- 57. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 56, wherein the comonomer is ethylene.
- 58. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the first component has a narrow compositional distribution, and a melting point as determined by DSC of from 25°C to 110°C.
- 59. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the first component comprises from 2 wt% to 25 wt% polymerized ethylene units, based on the total weight of the polymer.
- 60. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the first component has a heat of fusion as determined by DSC of from 1 J/g to 50 J/g.
- 61. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the first component has a heat of fusion as determined by DSC of from 3 J/g to 15 J/g.
- 62. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the first component has a melting point as determined by DSC of from 35°C to 70°C.
- 63. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the first component has a molecular weight distribution Mw/Mn of from 2.0 to 4.5.
- 64. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the first component has an MFR of from 5 to 5000.

- 65. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the second component comprises a propylene polymer produced using a metallocene catalyst system or a Ziegler-Natta catalyst system.
- 66. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the second component has a Mw/Mn of from 1.5 to 8.0
- 67. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the second component has a melting point of from greater than 110°C.
- 68. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the first component is present in the composition in an amount of from 50 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 50 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the composition.
- 69. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the first component is present in the composition in an amount of from 80 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 20 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the composition.
- 70. (Original) The article or the article component of claim 48, wherein the first component is present in the composition in an amount of from 90 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 10 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the composition.
- 71. (Original) The article or article component of claim 48, wherein the article or the article component is selected from the group consisting of at least one of a hygiene product, a medical product, and a consumer product.
- 72. (Withdrawn) A process to produce a nonwoven fabric, the process comprising the steps of:

blending a first component comprising from 5% to 99% by weight based on the total weight of the composition of a polymer selected from the group consisting of homopolymers of propylene and random copolymers of propylene, the polymer having a heat of fusion as determined by DSC of less than 50 J/g and stereoregular propylene crystallinity; and

a second component comprising from 95% to 1% by weight based on the total weight of the composition of a propylene polymer or blends of propylene polymers; to form a blend;

extruding the blend to form a plurality of fibers to form a web; and calendering the web to form the nonwoven fabric, the nonwoven fabric having a permanent set of from less than 60%.

- 73. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 72, wherein the permanent set is from less than 30%.
- 74. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 72, wherein the permanent set is from less than 15%.
- 75. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 72, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 80%.
- 76. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 72, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 150%.
- 77. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 72, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 300%.
- 78. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 72, wherein the nonwoven fabric demonstrates anisotropic elongation.
- 79. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 72, wherein the first component is present in the blend in an amount of from 50 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 50 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the blend.

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80. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 72, wherein the first component is present in the blend in an amount of from 80 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 20 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the blend.

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- 81. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 72, wherein the first component is present in the blend in an amount of from 90 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 10 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the blend.
- 82. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 72, wherein the calendering further comprises annealing.
- 83. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 82, wherein the calendering comprises annealing the nonwoven fabric in a single step.
- 84. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 83, wherein the annealing is performed at temperature of at least 40°C.
- 85. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 83, wherein the annealing is performed at temperature of at least 90°C.
- 86. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 83, wherein the annealing is performed at temperature of at least 100°C.
- 87. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 83, wherein the annealing is performed at temperature of at least 130°C.
- 88. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 83, wherein the annealing is performed at temperature of at least 160°C.
- 89. (Original) A laminate produced by the process of thermobonding a plurality of layers comprising nonwoven fabrics comprising at least one layer of a melt blown fabric, a

spunbond fabric, or a combination of a melt blown fabric and a spunbond fabric, the at least one layer made from a composition comprising:

a first component comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting of homopolymers of propylene and random copolymers of propylene, wherein the polymer has a heat of fusion as determined by DSC of less than 50 J/g and stereoregular propylene crystallinity; and

a second component comprising a propylene polymer;

wherein the at least one layer has a permanent set of from less than 60%.

- 90. (Original) The laminate of claim 89, wherein the permanent set is from less than 30%.
- 91. (Original) The laminate of claim 89, wherein the permanent set is from less than 15%.
- 92. (Original) The laminate of claim 89, wherein the at least one layer has an elongation of from greater than 80%.
- 93. (Original) The laminate of claim 89, wherein the at least one layer has an elongation of from greater than 150%.
- 94. (Original) The laminate of claim 89, wherein the at least one layer has an elongation of from greater than 300%.
- 95. (Original) The laminate of claim 89, wherein the at least one layer demonstrates anisotropic elongation.
- 96. (Original) The laminate of claim 89, wherein the first component is present in the composition in an amount of from 50 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 50 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the composition.

- 97. (Original) The laminate of claim 89, wherein the first component is present in the composition in an amount of from 80 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 20 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the composition.
- 98. (Original) The laminate of claim 89, wherein the first component is present in the composition in an amount of from 90 to 99 wt% and the second component is present in an amount of from 10 to 1 wt%, based on the total weight of the composition.
- 99. (Original) A nonwoven fabric made from a composition comprising:

 a first component comprising from 5% to 100% by weight based on the total weight of the composition of a polymer selected from the group consisting of homopolymers of propylene and random copolymers of propylene, the polymer having a heat of fusion as determined by DSC of less than 50 J/g and stereoregular propylene crystallinity; and

 a second component comprising from 95% to 0% by weight based on the total weight of the composition of a propylene polymer or blends of propylene polymers; wherein the nonwoven fabric has a permanent set of from less than 60%.
- 100. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 99, wherein the permanent set is from less than 30%.
- 101. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 99, wherein the permanent set is from less than 15%.
- 102. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 99, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 80%.
- 103. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 99, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 150%.
- 104. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 99, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 300%.

- 105. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 99, wherein the nonwoven fabric demonstrates anisotropic elongation.
- 106. (Original) A nonwoven fabric made from an isotactic propylene polymer composition, the isotactic propylene polymer composition having a heat of fusion as determined by DSC of from 5 J/g to 45 J/g; wherein the nonwoven fabric has a permanent set of from less than 60%.
- 107. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 106, wherein the permanent set is from less than 30%.
- 108. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 106, wherein the permanent set is from less than 15%.
- 109. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 106, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 80%.
- 110. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 106, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 150%.
- 111. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 106, wherein the nonwoven fabric has an elongation of from greater than 300%.
- 112. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of claim 106, wherein the nonwoven fabric demonstrates anisotropic elongation.
- 113. (Previously Presented) The nonwoven fabric of claim 1 wherein the blend is formed into staple fibers prior to being formed into the non-woven.
- 114. (Previously Presented) The non-woven fabric of claim 113 wherein the staple fiber is crimped.

- 115. (Previously Presented) The non-woven fiber of claim 114 wherein the staple fiber is 7 to 200 mm long.
- 116. (Withdrawn) A process to produce a nonwoven fabric, the process comprising:
 - a) blending a first component comprising from 5% to 99% by weight based on the total weight of the composition of a polymer selected from the group consisting of homopolymers of propylene and random copolymers of propylene, the polymer having a heat of fusion as determined by DSC of less than 50 J/g and stereoregular propylene crystallinity; and a second component comprising from 95% to 1% by weight based on the total weight of the composition of a propylene polymer or blends of propylene polymers, to form a blend composition;
 - b) extruding the blend composition to produce, finish, and wind a filament, then draw, finish, crimp, heat set and cut the filament into a staple fiber; and
 - c) forming the staple fiber into a non-woven fabric.
- 117. (Withdrawn) The process of claim 116 wherein the staple fiber is 7 to 200 mm long.